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**Applicant** 

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For

ION-CONDUCTIVE POLYMERIC COMPOUND,

POLYMERIC ELECTROLYTE AND ELECTRIC

**DEVICE** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:** 

Cancel claim 17.

Amend claims 1-16, 18-20 and 22-31 as follows:

1. (Amended) An ion-conductive polymeric compound, comprising one or more boron atoms in a polymeric structure.

